

(b) on what basis the Districts were selected for the pilot project;

(c) what are the names of agencies which are implementing the pilot project;

(d) whether pilot project has been able to achieve the objectives within the allocated finance;

(e) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(f) if so, what are the outcomes of the pilot project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government has launched a Pilot Scheme for "National Project for Repair, Renovation & Restoration of Water Bodies directly linked to Agriculture" in January, 2005. The water bodies having culturable command area of more than 40 hectares and upto 2000 hectares are included under the Scheme in one or two districts in each State. The restoration of 1076 water bodies has been approved in 24 districts of 14 States under the Scheme at a cost of Rs. 296.8705 crores to be shared by Centre and State in the ratio of 3:1. The objectives of the scheme are (i) to restore and augment storage capacities of water bodies, and (ii) to recover and extend their lost irrigation potential.

(b) As per guidelines for the Scheme one or two districts in each State are to be taken up in the Pilot Scheme. Accordingly, all the States were requested to submit their proposals taking into consideration arid/drought prone areas, backward/weaker sections and particularly tribal dominated areas.

(c) The State Governments are implementing the Scheme.

(d) to (f) The physical work for restoration has been completed for 217 water bodies in 7 States and the restoration work is in progress in the remaining 859 water bodies.

Augmentation of irrigation in Jharkhand

704. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Jharkhand has hardly 8 per cent of irrigation if so, whether Government have any plans to augment the irrigation potential of Jharkhand;

(b) if so, what are the details for the next three years;

(c) whether the poorest districts of India fall in Jharkhand-Gumla and Simdega which has only 2.5 per cent irrigation;

(d) if so, whether Government propose to take special interest to increase the irrigation potential of these two districts so that people of these districts migrate all the while may stay back and earn their livelihood in their own home State; and

(e) what are the Government plans and proposals for these least developed districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) As per available information, the area under irrigation in Jharkhand is about 12.9% of the total cultivable area. However, the irrigation potential created is about 22.08%. Irrigation being State subject, the schemes for irrigation development are conceived, planned and executed by the State Government as per their own priority. The details of plans prepared by Government of Jharkhand to augment the irrigation potential of Jharkhand are annexed as statement. (See below).

(c) As reported by the Government of Jharkhand, the percentage of irrigation potential created in Gumla and Simdega districts are 5.39% and 5.4% respectively.

(d) and (e) As reported by the Government of Jharkhand, construction of 84 minor irrigation schemes in Gumla district and 82 minor irrigation schemes in Simdega district have been completed. 108 minor irrigation schemes in Gumla district and 67 minor irrigation schemes in Simdega district is under execution during the current financial year. In Simdega district one reservoir scheme namely Kansgore Reservoir Scheme is under execution with additional irrigation potential of 5870 hectare. Similarly, in Gumla district Tapkara & Katri Reservoir Schemes are under completion with a total of 5570 hectare of additional irrigation potential.

Statement

Detailed plan to augment irrigation potential in Jharkhand in next three years

(Rs. in crore/Th. Ha.)

Sl. No.	Type of Scheme	2007-08		Period 2008-09		2009-10		Total	
		Cost	Potential created	Cost	Potential created	Cost	Potential created	Cost	Potential created
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	Major & Medium Scheme	421.35	21.10	906.70	111.50	1169.50	58.70	2497.55	191.30
2	Minor Irrigation Schemes	136.50	30.39	311.15	80.86	264.77	65.66	712.42	176.91
Total		557.85	51.49	1217.85	192.36	1434.27	124.36	3209.97	368.21

Ground water Recharging Projects for Chhattisgarh

†705. SHRI SHREEGOPAL VYAS: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the name of projects of Chhattisgarh for ground water recharging and rain water storage that have been pending with the Central Government for more than two years; and

(b) the detailed information regarding disposal of the above said pending projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAY PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Two Irrigation Projects of the State of Chhattisgarh, one each, major and medium namely Rajiv Augmentation Scheme (Phase II) and Sutiapat Reservoir Project for construction of dam/reservoir for impounding of river water are under appraisal in the Central Water Commission, Ministry of Water Resources/Planning Commission for more than two years. The detailed status report of the above Irrigation Projects is given in the statement.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.